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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4

THIS IS THE REST WHEREWITH YE MAY CAUSE THE WEARY TO REST.

Many Are Seeking Rest

"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."—Heb. 4:9

M. W. Letsinger.

There is a longing in the heart of humanity that God alone can satisfy. There is a thirst He alone can quench. The masses of humanity are seeking to find something that will satisfy the longing of their hearts but are failing, for there is nothing that will satisfy except the salvation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He alone has the satisfying portion; He alone can speak peace to the troubled soul.

We see the inhabitants of earth today as they run from coast to coast, seeking something to satisfy the longing of their souls. They ascend the highest mountain peak and cross the plains into the beautiful playgrounds out on the rivers and lakes of water into the places of amusement, but they fail to find the thing their souls so much desire. You have possibly arisen early in the morning and rushed off to the park or the seashore hoping to be able to find the rest and contentment that you so much desire, and after spending the entire day in search for that your soul craved, you only met with disappointment and returned at night all tired out and a greater longing for rest than before. Some have sought this rest in the theater and places of amusement and after having amused themselves for hours, came home with the same intense hunger. Some have given themselves to intoxication hoping to slack that inward thirst but the more they drank the greater the desire.

We find that we are living in tabernacles that wear out and decay. They are subject to rents and even death and as we grow older in years it takes more rest for the body. When we were children we could rest in a few moments but as the years go by it takes longer and is not satisfying. If we should live to a great age there will come a time when there will be no position that we may resort to that we may find rest. Think of a man after he has spent his life, and years after he has brought him to the end and he is tired and worn out, he cannot sleep nor eat, or even find a restful position, growing weaker each moment, and worst of all, he has not the sweet assurance of knowing that all is well with his soul, no hope for the beyond. It is a sad picture and hundreds and thousands are meeting it year by year.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. I am glad that we may have rest for our souls knowing that it will also effect the body. Many times I have gone to church all tired out after having worked hard all day, and after reaching the place and hearing a few inspiring songs and prayers, that tired feeling would be gone and I would feel refreshed. The prophet Isaiah said, "With stammering lips and another tongue will I speak to this people. This is the rest and the refreshing wherewith the weary are made to rest." I am so glad that we have found this rest and it has proven to be the satisfying portion. I have been in this good way for something like twenty years and I can truthfully say that the rest it gives is satisfying and that it is as real today as it was twenty years ago. In fact it is more real and satisfying.

Jesus said on one occasion, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls." This promise, like all others that Jesus made, is sure; it cannot fail. We are sure to get the rest if we come to Him aright. Think of the teeming millions that have been spent in seeking rest and pleasure and all will testify that it has all proven a failure. But we may have it without money for it has been provided by our Lord and is His free gift to this world. Then why should any go longer without? The writer of Hebrews exhorts us in these words, "Let

us therefore fear lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." Then we should examine ourselves and see if we are in the faith. It will be an awful thing after we have tasted of the good Word of God and felt the powers of the world to come, to awake to the realization that we have failed to go on into the deeper things of God and after all have fallen short of the rest that God has provided for those who love and serve Him.

He has promised to go with us all the way even unto the end of the age. The poet had found this rest and was confiding in Him when he sang, "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent word;

What more can He say, than to you He hath said, You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

In every condition, in sickness and health, In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth, At home or abroad, on the land, on the sea, As thy days may demand shall thy strength ever be.

Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed; I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

E'en down to old age all my people shall prove My constant, eternal, unchangeable love; And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn, Like lambs they shall still on my bosom be borne.

The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes; That soul, tho' all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no never forsake.

We Should Manifest Love

OCALA, Fla. I have been thinking for some time I would write a few lines to the Evangel for my Lord as He has done so much for me. This is what the Lord has put in my mind: How we should love each other more, and how we need more of His grace. What is His grace for? As I read His Word I find His grace is to teach us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. We, as the Church, should live soberly, righteously and godly. Where? In this present world. Brother, if we ever meet the Lord in peace we will have to live godly right here. I thank God for His Word, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. I believe with all my heart that we are living in the last days. The devil has many things out to try to draw the minds of God's children off, and to try to get them to look at the things of the world. Thank the Lord, we find in Hebrews 4th chapter and last verse, "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." I ask all the dear saints who read this to pray for me, that I will be an overcomer.—A brother in Christ, Vernon Moran.

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Five Backsliders Reclaimed

KEY WEST, Fla.—Dear Evangel readers, I want to sound a note of praise to God for what He is doing here at Key West church. Glory to God, the Lord has been working wonderfully. We surely thank God for sending Brother and Sister T. H. Robertson here. They have only been here three months and five have been saved, five backsliders reclaimed, three received the Holy Ghost, fourteen followed the Lord in water baptism and five were added to the Church. We thank God for this. We are having good attendance and are expecting a better time. All who read this pray for us that we may keep true and humble so that God can work thru us.—Your brother who loves God and His cause, Chas. E. Lazo, clerk, 1209 Newton.

No Church of God There

ORANGE, Tex.—I praise God this morning for His wonderful healing power. Our baby had sore eyes and we prayed for him many times. They would seem to get better then worse, so we sent a handkerchief to the saints at Cleveland to be anointed and the second day his eyes were clear and well. I surely thank God for the Word. When we obey it God will do His part. I want all the dear saints to pray for us here at Orange. There is nothing here except One God people. They have a nice church house, no pastor, and can't get along with one another. Saints, join us in prayer, that God will give us a real Church of God here. We went down there two nights and the house was full and the yard too, and they seemed to be anxious about the Word of God. There are a few people here that believe in Pentecost and I believe God would give us a church here if we do our part. Pray for us.

I know the Lord healed our baby's eyes. He isn't two months old and isn't gaining as he should. He only weighs eleven pounds and his throat is very weak. I want the saints to pray for him to be strong. I know God will heal him if it is His will. Pray that I will be humble and do God's will.—Mrs. C. A. James.

Haven't Been In Service In a Year

SICARD, Ala.—I want to praise the dear Lord for His mighty love. When I was sixteen I joined the Baptist church and lived a moral life in it and thought I was saved. Now I see I was not. Three years ago the Lord saved me, and a year later He sanctified me, and in a month He filled me with the Holy Ghost. I lived happy for a few months. My husband became angry with me when I was sanctified. He quit me and stayed away four months from me and five children. God provided a way for us. My home has been a wreck ever since but I am looking to God to make peace in my home. He says He will never leave or forsake us. I haven't been in service in a year. I feel I have grown cold but thanks be to God my prayers are still answered and I feel the presence of God's Son near. I ask all who read this to pray for me that the way will be made easier and that my home may become a home of prayer. Pray that the Lord will send a holy preacher to our place and have meetings and Sunday School. Pray that my whole family may be saved before it is too late and that I may grow stronger in Spirit and faith and overcome Satan at all times. Myrtle Vinning.

Spoke In Tongues

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I was saved and sanctified August 19, 1928 and filled with the Holy Ghost and fire Jan. 19, 1929. I was saved and sanctified while Elder W. E. Jones was in charge of the church, as my father was visiting the northern churches. They prayed so hard for me and laid hands on me, and I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I am 12 years old.—C. F. Bright, Jr.

Seek Him While He May Be Found

RIVIERA, Fla.—I thank God because I am blood bought and heaven bound. I want to thank God because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. This way gets sweeter every day, glory to God. I want to press the battle on. I have a determination to go with Him all the way. I want to see all my loved ones saved and come in this way, God said in His Word, Seek him while he may be found. I thank God that I did. Please pray for me, that I may stand true to Jesus and be ready when He comes.—Irene Carroll.

Many Souls Are Being Wondrously Saved

LEICESTERFIELD, Jamaica.—This is a report of the Church at Leicesterfield for the month of June. Elder M. Smith had charge of the conference which was held July 1. The church report for three months was given and other business was attended to.

Services were held in the Mission house Sunday. Elder Smith preached. Thank God, souls are getting saved. On Sunday night, July 7, Elder Smith preached and three souls came home to the cross of Jesus. People from other denominations are looking this way. Some are drawing near and believe in this truth. Thank God, the truth is marching on and is taking effect in the hearts of men who did not consider salvation. They are learning to know God for themselves. Pray for us in Jamaica.—Yours in the Lord, C. T. Johnson, clerk.

7 STEPS TO A SATISFACTORY EXPERIENCE

Satisfaction Brings Peace and Prosperity,

By Robert Hill

There is a continual crying out for satisfaction in the heart of all men. This is a God given desire. We want to be satisfied with the food we eat, the house we live in, the clothes we wear, and the articles we purchase.

In all labor and activity there should be perfect contentment and satisfaction, therefore, it is reasonable that there should be a complete satisfaction in our religious experience, yet many are made to confess their shortcomings, deficiency, backslidings and failures. But alas, these seven steps given in the epistle to the Ephesians may help us to get established in grace.

FIRST: An awakening. "Awake thou that sleepest." Sin has a paralyzing effect upon the soul, yea it will put a man to sleep. Sin is like a vampire bat, it will quietly fan its victims to sleep while it sucks its very life blood from its veins. Jonah was asleep in the hull while the storm was raging. Samson was asleep on Delilah's lap while she clipped his beautiful tresses, and he was not aware that the Spirit of the Lord had left him until he needed some other power besides his own.

The church of the Laodiceans was lukewarm, wretched and miserable, but the saddest part of all, they did not realize it. Oh how sad to see some one who used to be a power in God's service, trying to operate without union and inspiration from God for his message. I heard a man recently trying to give out a message, who was perfectly blank and empty, yea void of the Spirit of the living God, and he did not realize his condition, just like all others who fail to walk in the light and reject the message of the day. He was "ASLEEP" and only dreaming, as there was nothing real about his message, whereas at one time his message was truly inspired and full of fire.

SECOND: Life. "Arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." I am persuaded that there are numbers who have mistaken conviction for conversion, and because of their tears and emotion have joined the church without a new heart, with the sad result that later on they have discarded religion, thinking that there is very little in it anyway and that there are none as good as they pretend, and in their DEADNESS of soul they can see none who they think are living in communion with God, nothing to offer but criticism; a dead soul is simply waiting to help damn others. Hark! my brother, arise from the dead and get LIGHT.

Sinners are dead in trespasses and sins, and need more, yea, much more than forgiveness. They need LIGHT and LIFE, a quickening touch from God. Wherever there is life there is light. Life and light always go together. There must be a light in the eye and a shine on the face that is not seen on the ordinary man. Yea, he that hath LIFE hath LIGHT.

THIRD: The Christian's Walk. "See that ye walk circumspectly (carefully)." Our conduct must correspond with our testimony, always remembering we are on exhibition while three worlds are watching us—Heaven, hell and the world around us. We are to walk in love, even as He walked. There is no time for foolish jesting and frivolity. Nay, we must walk in the paths of righteousness; our feet must be shod with the preparation of the GOSPEL of peace, and run in the way of His holy commandments. All our dealings must be above reproach, and our home life must adorn the doctrine of holiness and holy living, both in public and in private. We must ever remember that the all-seeing eye of God is watching us.

FOURTH: Christian Service. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. This means buying up every (Please Look On Page Two)

BEAUTIFUL MADEIRA

Generally Known as the "Pearl of the Sea"

E. L. Simmons

On Friday morning, July 26th, we stopped at the beautiful City of Funchal, which is the principal port of Madeira Island.

While we were on the deck waiting for the boat to land, one of our party, Dr. Lyman Denton of Kansas City, wrote this poem:

Where grey clouds pitch their tents at night And sleep 'till kissed by morning light Then flee before the day.

On old Madeira's headlands bold God turned the grey to liquid gold And then it passed away.

It seemed the seer's glory town From heaven to earth came floating down With man to always stay.

That peace would everywhere abound And angels sing the whole world round I bowed my head to pray.

This is a very good description for surely Madeira is worthy of that name, "Pearl of the Sea", which has been given her for many years.

These islands were discovered by Zargo and his followers in 1418 and it was here that Columbus married Menina Prestello in 1473. While poring over some charts owned by his sailor brother-in-law he became imbued with the passion for his long voyage which resulted in the discovery of America.

Our trip from the boat landing to the incline station was made in a buffalo sleigh which glided over the round pebbles with which the streets were paved, very smoothly.

As we ascended the incline we were wonder-stricken by the beauty on either side. Not a foot of land on the steep mountain side was waste. It was terraced in benches with stone imbankments to keep it from washing and each bench, though they be but six or eight feet wide, were green with banana trees, vineyards, sugar cane, vegetables or flowers. The Portuguese lily, roses or other flowers grew in profusion most every place.

We got off the train at the altitude of 2500 ft. above the sea level and Oh! what a beautiful picture as we looked down the steep mountain at the broad expanse of the Atlantic.

Before going to the hotel, our guide took us to the Church of St. Mary on the Mount, but as we turned to go there were children on every side with their little hands out, saying, "penny penny" or "nickle, Mr., nickle."

There was no way to get them to leave as they understood no English with the exception of the words just mentioned.

As we came into the church we were shown the beautiful gold and silver ornaments and they were certainly pretty. I was made to ask myself, "From whence came all these riches of the church?" Then came the answer, "The church is the cause of all this poverty." Wherever Catholicism is the predominating religion, there is a state of ignorance, illiteracy, and pauperism. Just to the left about midway of the church is the tomb of the last emperor of Hungary, the unlucky Charles. We knew that he was banished here and died in 1922 but never thought of seeing his tomb.

From the church we went to the beautiful hotel, Belmont, for luncheon and it was certainly great, even tho it differed very much from the food we have at home.

Immediately after luncheon we descended the mountain in a toboggan to which a rope was tied and a poor native ran himself almost to death trying to keep us in the road. The ride was wonderful but I don't want another at the expense of my fellowman. This island should perhaps be called "The Land of Tips." We stopped in the street to take the picture of a pack train. The driver stopped the mules for us and then held out his hand for a tip. Once the wind blew my hat off, a man picked it up for me and then held out his hand for a tip. And so it is in everything, if one asks the direction to a place, a tip is expected.

It seems that I should mention one more thing. This is the home of the famous wine. It is sold in every shop in Funchal and we believe is drunk by the most of the natives. A man will work all day for fifty cents and spend twenty-five cents of it for wine. We surely should be proud of our prohibition laws in the U. S. A.

Looking For Jesus

WEBSTER, Fla. — Dear Evangel readers, greeting in Jesus' dear name. We praise the Lord for salvation this evening. We are having some good preaching here by Brothers Baldece and Godwin. We are two little girls ten years old. We both have salvation. We like to go to Sunday School and preaching. We are looking for Jesus to come and we want to be ready to go with Him. We want you all to help us pray for the people that are in sin. We want to live true to the Lord and do His will. We belong to the Church of God at Linden, Fla.—(Misses) Clarice Rogers and Alma Clark.

OTHERS KNEW

I have just read the poetry in the Evangel, "The Minister's Wife." I never thought there could be found words to describe and unravel the life of a minister's wife but after reading this poem I am convinced that others know something about it as well as I. Glory! I could just shout and say hallelujah when I read it. I endorse it from the first word to the last.—Yours in the battlefield for God, Beulah Maguire, Grand Lodge, Mich.

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We invite all the workers to send us reports of interest from the battlefield, if nothing else, a postal card telling where you are this week.

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EDITORIALS

Don't forget the date of the General Assembly of the Church of God—Oct. 21-27. Make your preparations now and be here at that time for we are expecting it to be a great time.

Don't put off ordering one of Jernigan's books—"Sermon Outlines With Helps for Christian Workers." Those who have secured one seem to be well pleased with it. Send us your order at once.

Brother L. L. Turner and wife are visiting their folks and friends in Dayton, Tenn. Brother Turner's nephew, Brooks, is very sick.

If you fail to get the Church of God Evangel please write us. We want every subscriber to get the paper and will do our very best to get it to you. When you change addresses don't fail to notify us.

We are glad to report that Sister E. L. Simmons is improving. Continue to pray for her.

Brother M. P. Cross, Overseer of Michigan, is improving in health and has returned to his work.

Brother W. D. Childers is now in a revival at Knoxville, Tenn.

Brother E. M. Ellis, pastor of E. Chattanooga, Tenn., is using his vacation in a revival in Alabama.

Seven Steps To a Satisfactory Experience

(Continued from page one)

Opportunity, as time is an important factor in the life of every child of God. Yes, our time must be consecrated to God in service and in love, secret prayer and holy devotion. Sinners are dying without salvation, filling Christless graves by the millions; there are brands to be plucked from the burning. There is a temptation to "wait to do something, for an opportunity to do something big, something extraordinary instead of our every day duty to God and man.

FIFTH: Knowing the Will of God. "Wherefore be not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Some live in constant doubt regarding the Lord's blessed will concerning themselves, but to live in the center of His will is perfect rest, peace and contentment. We can always find out God's will thru His Word, as the Word is a lamp unto our feet, also by the guidance of His Holy Spirit, for the "MEET will be guide in judgement." But if the will of God is still in obscurity, then one must wait until divine guidance comes. Continued uncertainty means continued waiting, and if in anything we be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

SIXTH: The Spirit-filled Life. "Be not drunken on wine wherein is excess, but be FILLED with the Spirit." Here is a drunken man contrasted with a heaven born, Holy Ghost filled SON OF GOD. Both are controlled by an unseen power. A drunken man may and will do extraordinary things, and so will a man who is filled with the Spirit of God. But you never can tell what a drunken man will do next, whether he will lie down and go to sleep or go on a rampage and commit bloody murder. A spirit filled man will always do something lovely and good, and if he ever takes a spell, it is always in divine order. "Hallelujah."

SEVENTH: A Satisfactory Religious Experience. There are several marks that characterize one who is enjoying a full salvation. First, his personal testimony is convincing. Second, he has a song in his soul, making melody in his heart to God. Third, he is brim-

Missouri S. Schools Growing

INZA STATION, ST. JOSEPH, Mo.

The Kansas City District held their first Sunday School convention at Joplin, Mo. July 21 and to say the least it was a wonderful success. The Lord blessed from the beginning until the end. We had service Saturday night. Several from all over the state arrived that night and had the pleasure to enjoy a good song, prayer, and praise service. The writer brought a message on the "Coming of the Lord."

Sunday morning we met at 9:30. The superintendent of Joplin Sunday School, Brother Tommie Meade, was in charge of song and prayer service. An offering was taken for the orphans. During this time the secretary, Sister Katie George, was busy getting her record made which was read. Our state overseer, Brother F. R. Harwood gave the welcome address which made us all feel very much welcomed and at home. Following this address an excellent program was rendered by the Joplin Sunday School and representatives from the other schools of the district. This brought us to the noon hour. Soon a large table was arranged and well packed baskets were unpacked. The large crowd found themselves enjoying a grand feast of good things.

At 2:30 we had songs and prayer. The district Sunday School superintendent gave his report of the past quarter's work of the district. This report showed that the schools had made wonderful progress in many ways. During the quarter a large number of new scholars had been enrolled thru-out the district. The report showed the weak places of the schools which was in regular attendance and holding the new scholars. This was a surprise to most all present and was discussed with the view of finding the cause and a remedy. The district superintendent hopes to have something in the way of a contest and rewards soon which will no doubt remedy this weakness. Several spoke in behalf of the Sunday School work interest. This was closed by a good lesson by our overseer.

The night service began at 8:00 p. m. with songs and prayer service. Brother Harwood brought the evening message on the Second Coming of the Lord. This was wonderful and God surely did bless all and put His approval on the message. This message showed that the Very Soon Coming is near.

This was a wonderful meeting and much good was done. All went to their fields of labor with new zeal and courage for the work. This district is doing the best work in the state, but we are going to do better by the help of the dear Lord. All are well pleased with the spirit of the Sunday School work in this part of the state. Come over and we will put you in a contest where you will have to work, run, or get run over.

All the preachers in this district are in unity with each other and with our overseer and are pulling together. Every officer of the Sunday Schools is in unity and pulling together with the district Sunday School superintendent. Every member of the churches and schools in the district are workers so success cannot fail to be ours to enjoy. Please dear readers rally to the front and rescue the children and unsaved for God. Pray for us when you pray.—T. F. Blackwell, S. S. District Superintendent of Kansas City District.

Claims The Victory

The four weeks meeting closed at Mallory, W. Va. Sunday night, July 28, with good interest. This was practically a new field but we claim the victory. Four were saved, five sanctified, and four received the Holy Ghost. We set the church in order with 12 members and with three by transfer which makes fifteen to begin with.

Some say that the church has the favor of ninety per cent of the people. One brother gave two nice lots for a church building. We expect to see a new church in Mallory soon.

Wife, two daughters, and I were entertained in the home of Brother and Sister Ramey. We surely had a nice time and certainly thank these good people for their care and hospitality while in their home. The writer did the preaching and wife and daughters had charge of the music and singing. The people made us promise to come and hold another meeting in their new church.—Yours in His name, R. A. Fielden and wife.

full of praise and thanksgiving to God for all things, whereas the unsanctified will only give thanks to God some times, for some things, and murmur and complain at other times.

The man who is truly SANCTIFIED is satisfied, and can say with Job, "The Lord giveth and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord." and with Paul, "I know how—both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need." He has truly learned the secret of a satisfactory experience. Amen.

NOTICES & SPECIALS

I would like to get in touch with some of our preachers who are carpenters. I have two jobs on hand. We have a nice tent in which we will run a revival and on the adjoining lot we want to build our church house. If you can handle the proposition, let me hear from you at once.—Your brother in Christ, F. W. Anderson, Box 350, Danville, Va.

This is to notify the public that I am engaged in a tent meeting five miles of Myrtle Beach, the finest stand in America. This tent is erected thirteen miles below Conway. You are invited to come. We have a good camping place. J. H. Daniels, Myrtle Beach, S. C.

The Illinois state Sunday School convention will convene Sept. 6, 7 and 8 at Eldorado, Ill. I expect each superintendent of the local schools to co-operate with the district superintendent in arranging for this convention.—Yours in His service, Marion Joplin, state superintendent.

We are now in Fair Mount, Ga., eighteen miles east of Calhoun. We

have a large tent, nicely located and well seated, and a revival is certainly needed here. We want all our people who can to come over and help us in this battle. Come on Calhoun, Erwin Hill, Crane Eater and all others who can. Pray God to give us a revival. J. L. Underwood and Otis Smith in charge.

We have just closed a fifteen nights meeting near Rankins Ferry. The Lord gave great victory. Any one wishing my help, or wanting a revival, please write me.—T. M. Basham, Whiteside, Tenn.

Our district camp meeting for the Dayton district will convene at Sale Creek, Tenn. Sept. 15th-30th. We cordially invite everybody to come and be with us and we will do these good. Bring your camping outfit. There is plenty of room to camp. We are looking for preachers and laymen from all over the state and elsewhere. Also our State Overseer, Brother H. N. Scoggins, will be with us, and we would like for our General Overseer to be with us too.—H. K. Keith, district overseer in charge.

REQUESTS

We are praying for a revival here. Saints everywhere pray that souls will be saved.—Your sister in Christ, Fannie Jernigan, 901 A. N. E., Ardmore, Okla.

Husband and I are afflicted and desire your prayers. Pray for my unsaved children.—Your sister in Christ, Mae Akers, Hiawatha, W. Va.

I request prayer from every child of God for my side. I have been bothered with appendicitis for several years. I ask that you pray God to heal my side.—Your sister in Christ, Lottie Thomas, 721 W. Emma St., Lakeland, Fla.

Pray for my husband, children and neighbors to be saved.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Maggie Smith, Shelby, Ala.

Pray for me and my unsaved boy.—Your sister in Christ, Nora Bolin, Gaffney, S. C.

I have a boy seventeen years old. He is an invalid and unsaved. Please pray for the Lord to have His way and heal him if it is His will. Pray that his faith may be strengthened and that we will be humble at His feet.—Your sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Minnie Davis, Wilcox, Fla.

My little girl has catarrh and a bad ring worm on her knee. Every body who reads this please pray for her to be healed.—Mrs. S. B. Merritt, Ferndale, Fla.

Please pray for Verbon Wilkins who is now in the insane hospital at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Please don't pass this by but take this orphan boy's case to God in prayer. It may take fasting and prayer but we know God is able.—His grandmother, Mrs. G. D. Jones, Red Bay, Ala.

We are now in a battle against Satan and ask the prayers of God's children for success. We are located about nine miles southwest of Leomo, Tenn. The arbor was full the first night.—D. M. Shults.

My baby is sick. Please pray for its healing and that I will get the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Lloyd Fowler, Gulston, Ky.

He Blesses Wherever We Go

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Dear readers of the Evangel, greetings in Jesus' name: I want to sound a note of praise to Him who doeth all things well. This evening finds me saved from all my sins, sanctified holy, and baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. I am a member of the grand old Church of God. Thank God for the way He blesses us wheresoever we go. We returned from Georgia a few days ago where we spent some happy hours. We stopped in a home in Rhine, Ga. with a family of unsaved people. We told them we wanted to leave the home happy. We stayed there three or four days. The mistress of the home got saved from the habit of using snuff of which she said she was a slave for 40 years. The Lord sanctified her and now she is tarrying for the Holy Ghost.

One Wednesday night we were on Franklin St. in Jacksonville preaching for the primitive Baptist people. As we were closing we were asked to

pray for a white man who had fallen from a building and broken his back and hadn't been able to walk for three weeks. He could only hop along a little with a crutch and the aid of his wife. But praise God when we got thru praying for him he laid his crutch down and walked with uplifted hands. Praise God he walked home alone that night and his wife carried the crutch. He has been walking ever since. Many other signs of healing have been wrought here lately, too numerous to write. God is blessing us here and we can truthfully say, God has done great things for us whereof we are glad.

A few weeks ago we were called on to pray for an aged man who was down with a stroke of paralysis. He seemed to be too old to recover, but thank God, He healed him and the last I heard of him he had gone across town to open up business. We have a crowded altar of seekers. Please pray for them. We are looking forward for great things from the Lord this year. May God bless all who read this.—I am yours in His service, C. F. Bright.

He Blesses In Our Family

GREENVILLE, N. C.—I have been

thinking of writing to the dear Evangel for some time. I was reading the good testimonies this morning and the power fell and I began to speak in tongues. I surely praise God for what He is to me and my family, because I know He is all to us that we can ask for. If we ask anything in His name in prayer, believing with unshaken faith, we surely will receive it, praise God. I belonged to the Free Will Baptist church over twenty years and did not know what saved meant, but the Lord was talking to me all along. I felt like there was something else yet for me, and I surely praise the Lord for it. About three years ago I gave my heart to the Lord and He saved me, two days later He sanctified me and a little later He baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire, praise the Lord. I am on my way to Heaven and intend to go all the way regardless of the cost. I am added to the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth and the home of the saints. I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing our little band at Greenville. I want everybody that reads this who know the value of prayer to remember me, that I will be what the Lord wants me to be; also pray for my unsaved husband, that the Lord will send conviction on his heart in such a way that will cause him to give up to the Lord and let Him save, sanctify and baptize him with the Holy Ghost. Pray for my unsaved children too. Some people say that holiness is going down, but I am looking for it to go up when Jesus comes to catch away His waiting Bride. I am looking for Him to come soon.—Your sister in Christ Mrs. W. A. Wingate.

I have been having chills and fever. The Lord has touched my body. Please pray that I will be completely healed. I also request your prayers that I will get the Holy Ghost. I am a member of the Church of God.—Your sister, Mary Lee Crouch, Carryville, Fla.

Needs Spiritual Food

PITTSBURGH, Ill.—To all the saints of God scattered abroad, let it be known that there is a sister church in Pittsburg, Ill. that is starving for food from Heaven, not earthly food but spiritual food. I praise the dear Lord for victory over sin, and overcoming grace. I am still on fire for Jesus but my heart is sorrowful because it seems like there are so few who are willing to deny themselves and take up the cross and follow Jesus. Dear saints, Paul said, Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand, Phil. 4:5, 6. We have been crying and praying for help and no one seems to care whether we live or perish. I wonder who it will be when they read this will say, "Here am I, Lord send me." We know what commission Christ gave His disciples, Mark 16:15. What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Rom. 1:16. What does Isa. 52:7 say? Isa. 42:6? Jer. 23:28 said he that hath my Word let him speak my word faithfully. How should the servant of God labor, 2 Tim. 2:24, 25? You know God gave every shepherd a flock to feed, 1 Peter 5:2, John 21:15-17. A true shepherd will feed His flock, 2 Tim. 3:37, Ezek. 3:17-21. Saints the time is here when people will not endure sound doctrine, 2 Tim. 4:3, 4. They do not want clean holy truth but smooth things, Isa. 30:10. In Jer. 25:34-37 is a warning message to the unfaithful shepherd. What did Paul feel in 1 Cor. 9:16? A faithful shepherd will watch his flock. Heb. 13:17. If God's watchman falls what will take place? Ezek. 38:8.

There are only five members here and just two faithful who try to keep the fire burning. Our Sunday School has gone down and I am the only one who attends. I am mocked and persecuted but I still hold on to God. We earnestly desire the prayers of all God's children for we are weak. We still feel strong in spirit. If there is a shepherd looking for a flock to feed, come this way. If God puts it on your heart, you had better obey. Remember us in prayer. Pray for me that I may do my duty God has put on me.—Your weak sister in Christ, Augusta Kennedy.

Have Faith In God

BRANFORD, Fla.—I want to praise

the blessed God in Heaven for the way He has been blessing me. I've had the privilege of attending a little more than three weeks of a five weeks revival at the Alton Church of God, Alton, Fla. Some were saved and sanctified and no one received the Holy Ghost, but the saints were wonderfully fed on spiritual food. I surely thank God for preachers who will give out the Word in full and not compromise with Satan. There were several cases of healing. One case of pellagra was healed. I can't praise God enough for the wonderful understanding I received on His Word and especially the way He blessed me in looking to Him as never before in spite of Satan and all his imps.

My little boy took sore eyes one day. We prayed for him. The Lord rebuked them. In about a week almost suddenly he took them again. This time old Satan tried every way possible to make me doubt the healing. I would get down and pray again for God to heal him. I had the witness so I just said, "Lord I know you healed him so make Satan leave him." Instantly he rested. I testified to it that night and Satan surely got angry. In about 24 hours pain hit his eyes. It looked as if that was more than he could bear, but I just said, "Lord you said you'd not allow us to be tempted above that which we are able to bear." We held on and soon he was resting. He says, "Mama, old Satan just as well go for the Lord surely will make him." His eyes are weak but he does not have much pain.

I know God is still on the throne and I am fully trusting Him. I believe when we testify we are trusting God we should do so and not bring reproach on the Church of God and Jesus by using salves, poultices, cooking soda and such with a hope that it will ease a little. I've found my Lord and Saviour all I needed for four years for healing or anything else. I don't believe in trusting God partly. He does not need any remedies to help Him ease pain. One night the Lord surely blessed me in taking a stand for Divine Healing. Right straight this test came on. I feel good for I know I have engaged the best Physician there is to be had. I am like Daniel. I am going to trust my God, realizing that help elsewhere can fail but God never fails. Jesus says, "I am with you always even unto the end." I am glad I have a friend like that. We should not be discouraged but encouraged. Faith in God is what kept Daniel safe while in the lions' den, faith in Jesus is what made Peter able to walk the water, and failing to keep his eyes on Jesus caused him to begin to sink. I'd be afraid that I'd begin to sink like old Peter. I'd rather God would take me home to Glory than to fall my Saviour on anything He had given me light on. This is not time to play about salvation but a time to get it, and, regardless of the cost, keep it. I don't believe the Lord would have told us what to do if it had not been possible to do it thru the blood of the Lamb.

I have loved ones out in the world. Pray for them and that I'll ever be as clay in the potter's hand, in the center of God's will.—Mrs. C. L. Waldron.

Jesus Passed This Way Before

BOAZ, Ala.—To the saints everywhere: I want to thank God for victory this a. m. Sometimes the way gets dark and it seems that all of our friends have turned their backs on us, but "Jesus passed this way before." I have been in this way nearly fifteen years and am not tired of the way yet. My husband and son started when I did but they have turned back. I ask you to pray for them, and pray for me that I may hold out to the end.—Mrs. O. C. Wilson.

JAMAICA CONVENTION

Convenes Sept. 25-27, Largo Church,
Jamaica, B. W. I.
Z. R. Thomas, Overseer

MISSISSIPPI STATE CONVENTION

Joseph Chapel, Near Cleveland, Miss., Sept. 4-8
E. B. Culpepper, State Overseer

State Convention For Colored Work

PITTSBURGH, PA., SEPT. 20th-29th
J. H. Curry in Charge

MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION

CAMBRIDGE, Md., Sept. 6th-9th
F. B. Marine, Overseer

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Be Thou Faithful Unto Death

KINGSTON, Tenn.—I want to sound a note of praise this morning to God, my Father, and to Jesus, my blessed Saviour and King, for His great love to me and that He ever picked me up out of the depths of sin and placed me in this great highway of holiness, where I can enjoy the blessed sunlight of God's love all the time. I have been deprived of the blessing of being with God's people for nearly two years, but I praise God that He is able to keep us under all conditions, if we will only trust Him and do His will. I desire the prayers of all that I may ever be faithful and keep this body under subjection to the will of my blessed Redeemer. I desire your prayers also for my children. My dear companion was called away Dec. 29, 1926 and I was left alone with eleven children to care for. The burden has been great, but the Lord has wonderfully blessed and helped me thus far and I know that He will go with me even unto the end. I ask all to pray that God will give me grace, wisdom and understanding to lead these children in the way that is right and that they may be saved from the evils that are in the world in these last days. I have one little boy eleven years old who has been troubled with asthma and chronic bronchitis for about six years. I desire the prayers of all who read this, that God will heal him of this trouble. I believe that God can heal our bodies, praise His dear name forever! Everyone pray for me that I may be faithful unto death, and at last receive a crown of life.—Your humble brother, W. A. Deniston.

How the Power Fell at Clear Fork, W. Va.

The work at Clear Fork had gone down until having meeting was a thing of the past. Brother Charlie Blankenship, district overseer, brought his big tent here and pitched it. We, the Moreland Evangelistic Party, came here from Logan, W. Va. We started the meeting June 19 and closed July 21. We only expected to be here eleven days, but when the eleven days were up we were in the wilderness and nothing had happened. Although we were to go to Huntington, W. Va. we did not feel clear to leave here until we saw something done for our God and the church. So we held on and God began to move upon the people and they began to fall into the altar. The fire began to fall, and I tell you, there was some shouting there. Oh, how we did see the dear Lord work. The crowds were large, and at times people said there were two thousand people there. Now some strange things happened. There were four Methodist preachers working around the altar. They would get happy and shout and said that they had gotten light on the Word that they had never gotten before. One of these preachers said that he was ready to seek the Holy Ghost and went to the altar and got very near. He expected to come into the Church of God. He testified one night and said there was a train crew took their train from Gary, W. Va. to Bluefield without orders and all of them got fired. He said he wished all the Methodist preachers would get their orders, the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, before they started or get fired. I want to tell you it was hard to tell Methodist from Holiness. There were lots of Baptist who helped in the meeting. They surely did fine. A number of them will be in the Church of God before long.

One Baptist said when we started the meeting that if we got 25 members he and another of our brothers would build us a church building here, and then as the meeting went on he said if we got 15 members they would build a church. On Sunday night when we took in members eighteen came into the Church. On August 10 we will start the church building which will be 30x50 and it will be ready in two weeks if everything goes well. We expect to be back here on October 13 with the state overseer to dedicate the new Church of God building.

A Presbyterian minister came to the meeting and said he had not been able to rest good for two or three nights since he had heard the message on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. He said he was reading and if it was in the Bible that he expected to have it. We know he will find it in the Bible. Thirty-five were saved, fifteen sanctified, one received the Holy Ghost, eighteen baptized in water and eighteen came into the church. There is a number that we feel will follow when we get the church up. The devil has had this community for a long time, but thank God, we feel it has been taken out of his hands. We thank all the folks who took part in the meeting and for their labor of love. I am sure God will reward them for it, and I am sure the Lord will not have

How God Blessed At Logan, W. Va.

Just a few lines about the meeting held by the Moreland Evangelistic Party. We began here May 20 and closed June 15. God was with us in power. The devil surely did work to hinder the meeting but God helped us out and gave us the victory. The first thing was the deacon's boy, Brother Carter, fell and broke his leg. Next, one of the sister's children cut her foot real badly. These people were our good workers around the altar. Then two carnivals came and took a lot of our crowd. I tell you it was a real battle but God gave us the victory. About 18 or 20 got saved, 15 sanctified, 9 received the Holy Ghost, 18 came into the Church and 18 were baptized in water. The power fell in a wonderful way. Some of the ones who were baptized got so hungry for the Holy Ghost that they fell under the power out in the river. We had an altar there in the water but we could not get many to help around it out in the river. Only two were willing to come out and help us. The people lay under the power out there in the water when two ran out from the shore to help. Two got the Holy Ghost there.

The saints stood by us fine and furnished us a house for us and supplied us real well with good things to eat. Some friends of the church furnished the house free of rent for the saints to put the furniture in for us. We had a prayer meeting just before we left. Sister Light received the Holy Ghost and her husband, we are told, received the Holy Ghost the next night. We surely left a hungry lot there. That made our 7th revival there and God has blessed in every one of them. I want to say if you want to find some real saints of the Church of God go to Logan. Now we must not forget the dear pastor and his wife who made things nice for us and worked hard in the meeting. We will say God bless them and all the dear saints. We hope to meet them all in Heaven if not here again.—D. R. Moreland and Family.

He Will Help Us Bear Our Troubles

ONO, Ky.—I am determined to go all the way by the help of the Lord. I am glad to report victory in my soul tonight. I have a determination in my soul to go on. Jesus has been a very present help to me in time of need. I can say of a truth, I feel more determined to go all the way with Jesus tonight than ever before. I am glad to say Jesus has power to heal when we get sick. One night my chest was so sore I could hardly cough. I laid the Evangel on and prayed. The Lord answered my prayer and took the soreness away. I thank Him for healing me. I praise Him for saving me when I was young. Later on He sanctified me and filled me with the precious Holy Ghost.

I want to praise the Lord for overcoming power. The Bible says that man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. I praise the Lord for helping me bear my trouble and giving me victory. I want the prayers of everyone who reads this for my children who are out in sin. I praise the Lord for the Church of God and for its government and rulings. I am glad that He sent Brother Frost from Cincinnati to set up a church. I feel that the Lord was leading. He surely does preach the Word. We have Sunday School. Pray that the Lord will prosper and crown it with souls. The Bible says, train up a child in the way it should and when he is old he will not depart from it. I am not feeling very well in body. I want the saints to pray that God will heal me of rheumatism. I can report victory right now. I feel the glory rolling in my soul as I write. I am looking forward to a day when there will be no troubles, no heartaches and all tears will be wiped away. How I long for that day.—Your sister in Christ, Lizzie Bennett, clerk.

a hard time to get me to come here again. I want to say we surely have some loyal Church of God people. They surely did work. There were some wonderful conversions here. I am sure God will reward Brother Charlie Blankenship for his service and his wife who worked faithful in the service.

We surely have been busy this year for the Lord and hope to be busy until Jesus comes. God bless all the churches everywhere and help us all to do our best.—D. R. Moreland Evangelistic Party.

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LETTERS IN INTEREST Of The BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN B. T. S.

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J. H. Walker

May we look for you to be a student of the Bible Training School, which re-opens for its twelfth annual term the 28th day of October?

Many of the leaders of the Old Testament times, spent years in training and preparation for their life's work, in fact they took advantage of the best opportunity available.

Remember, Jesus took His disciples and gave them special training for three years, and then commissioned them before they were ready to carry this wonderful message of salvation to a lost and dying world.

Again, there was Saul, who had been instructed and carefully trained by Gamaliel, when he felt the call to the ministry, no doubt, spent the time before he went into active ministry, in studying and preparing himself for the great task. At least, he was very much in favor of this method, for we hear the Word of the Lord thru him to the young minister, Timothy, (and to all) "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15.

If in their days the study and preparation was needed for better service, and more usefulness to God, to convert and teach men, SURELY now, in this educated, scientific, everlearning world, with its specialists in every department of the various sciences and arts, of astronomy, biology, chemistry, geology, physics, and the dazzling aeronautics and etc., we need to study, search for the truths, and consecrate ourselves to Him. The world with its skillfully trained business men who promote the interests of the numerous industries, working incessantly, to get the best results, for their investments of means, time, and talent, should be an INCENTIVE to us, to AWAKE! shake off the lethargy! Think, meditate, "quit you like men," prepare that we may see abundant fruits, (best results) for our labors in this great work that we feel the Lord would have us do.

We have reason to believe that our next term will be the best ever had. We are adding new studies and improving the course, more satisfactory arrangements of dormitories, and have the most encouraging outlook for the greatest number of students.

Recently, we have secured, what we believe to be one of the best texts of its kind, entitled "The Progress of the World-Wide Missions." It is a college text, that deals with the progress of missions from the Apostles' day down thru the dark ages, reformation, and also including the restoring of the Jews. We know that our advanced students will be delighted to take this study. We have added also "penmanship" this term which is much needed. We are trying to get a suitable text-

Bible School Has Place In Camp Meeting

As we go thru life we find people who are glad. Some are glad for one thing and some another, but I am glad tonight for salvation.

When I think of where I might have been had I not accepted the Lord it makes me more thankful for salvation. Truly I can say with the Psalmist David, I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him will I trust. I will remember the time when I decided to put my trust in the Lord and I am so delighted with the change He made in my life until I want to follow close to Him and see just what He has prepared for those who love and serve Him.

Our camp meeting has just come to a close and we are sure you want to know just how good it was. We can't tell you that, but can say we had a wonderful time for Jesus our great Redeemer was there to own and bless. We know you would have been thrilled with a heavenly thrill to have seen our general overseer, Brother S. W. Latimer, dance. We wish he could have stayed for the entire meeting. We are also thankful for Brother E. W. Williams, our state overseer. We believe he was at his best in the meeting, and although he has been in that awful state of Texas, as some call it, for two years, he is still able to laugh and shout. We are only wishing that he will come back to the state another year if the Lord is willing.

The Bible School was represented

book on "Parliamentary Law and Usage." Then we are, and have been endeavoring to get a text or textbooks forming a specific course of the study of the Bible, but to-date we have not found an appropriate one.

Many of the young men and women everywhere feel the need of better preparing themselves for the work of the Lord. We have now 68 new prospective students to whom I have written from 1 to 3 letters concerning the school, besides this, when I was at that wonderful June camp-meeting in Florida, I learned there were several there who had planned to attend this term, whose names and addresses I don't have. Then too, we are expecting many of the former students to return. There are some each year, who, after attending the Assembly, decide to stay for Bible School who had never written us. Now with all these as prospects, we should have a nice number in attendance. Yet we are aware that the devil would not be a good devil (?) if he didn't keep many of these, or at least some of these away. Pray that God will have His way.

The following is an excerpt of a statistical report: "A man with no schooling has one chance in 166,667 of succeeding; with an elementary education, he has four times the chance; with a high school education, 104 times the chance; and with a college or technical education, he has 962 times the chance."

The definition of TECHNICAL is: Of or pertaining to, or appropriate to, the useful or mechanic arts, or any art, science, business and etc.— Webster. Then further, Homiletics is the art and science of preaching. Is there anything surer than that it is worth these years spent in Bible Training School to multiply your chance of success by hundreds? The men who KNOW and are able to give the service are in demand everywhere.

I fancy I hear hundreds saying, (and some in tears) "I want to go, but I don't have the money." I wish you could read the letters that I receive, asking for a chance to work their way thru. Pray that God in some way will undertake.

ATTENTION

Those who are expecting to be with us this next term, please write at once for application blanks, so that we can make necessary arrangements for all.

Remember there is a hearty welcome, and a thorough cooperation from the teachers, awaiting YOU at the good old B. T. S.

Are you satisfied without training? Are you shirking the ministry? Never do it. Yield to God. Prepare for the work He would have you do. Come! Be present when the first bell rings. God bless you. I can feel the fire and almost hear the shouts now. Glory!

the last Sunday afternoon of the meeting. Fourteen of us were present. We were glad to have Sister Land for one of our number. She was the first one

from Texas to attend Bible School, also Brother and Sister Jernigan were with us. They spoke of it being a number of years since they had been in Bible School, nevertheless, you could tell by their talk that they had been there and were not ashamed to own it. Our program was arranged in this manner: We marched on the stage and sang "Living for Christ Each Day" and had prayer by Brother E. W. Williams. After the prayer the Hill sisters, Annie and Mamie, sang "Happy in Him." We felt that Sister Land should be first to speak in the interest of the school as she was the first of us to attend. She spoke well of the school. But who would not after being there? Brother Jernigan was next to speak. I never knew until then that he loved Bible School so well. He said quite a number of good things and we believe he meant them all. Brother George Douglas was next to express his appreciation of the school. He told how we prayed and how God blessed us. By this time someone surely had his mind made up to attend another year but maybe still had a fear of meeting Brother Payne. At this time Brother Ross Hill came on the scene with a speech well seasoned with love. He said, "Some do not love Brother Payne. They think he is hard-bolled, but I love him and wish I could see him now and hug his neck." Now we are sure Brother,

The Wonderful Plan Of Salvation

EUPORA, Miss.—I praise God for this wonderful plan of salvation and for leading me in this way. I am glad because I am not ashamed of Jesus. Rom. 6:5 tells us that hope maketh not ashamed, because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given unto us. I thank Him for His Word, and for the many blessings He has blest me with. I am glad to say that when I was just a child the Lord gave me that sweet rest. Matt. 12:28, 29 says, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." I am glad to say that God gave me that rest. He can and will give it to every lost soul if they will just look to Him. It is my heart's desire to see lost souls coming this way. I want to live the life before them and let my light shine so that others can readily see that I am living for God. I want to be the cause of souls coming this way. I thank God because when He saved this soul of mine, He took the worldly things out of my life, and I haven't any more love for this world. I love the souls of everybody, but I don't care any more about the worldly things. I have my eyes set on things above. I thank God that this morning still finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and looking for Jesus to come soon. "Be ye therefore ready also for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not." I have lots of temptations to go thru with, but I know the Lord is able to help me to overcome, and I am looking to Him and want all who read this to pray for me to be an overcomer.—(Miss) Velma Greenlee, Rt. 4.

Let Us Watch, Pray and Be Ready

RAVENA, Ky.—I want to praise God for salvation, the kind our brethren of long ago had. I am so thankful that over two years ago God wonderfully showed me the light which was in Christ Jesus, for He is the light of the world. John 18:12, "Then spake Jesus again unto them, I am the light of the world, he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Many people of to-day, like the Pharisees, seem to think they have God for their Father, when they do not even know God, for the Pharisees told Jesus that they were Abraham's seed. So it is with people of to-day. When we begin to tell them what it means to be saved, they will not have it at all. When Jesus told them that if they would continue in His Word they would be His disciples, they would not have it either. We need to live so close to God that we can tell people what Jesus did. He told the Pharisees that if they were Abraham's children they would do the works of Abraham. We can know that people are not saved by their fruits. They could not understand Jesus because they could not hear His Word. If they were children of God they would love us, but they know not us, neither do they know God, but are their father's—the devil, and the lusts of their father will they do. He was a liar from the beginning and abode not in the truth because there was no truth in him. Let us hold on to God's unchanging hand and live this life which He died that we might live thru Him. We should be workers for Him. For if we fail to abide in our calling wherein He has called us, we may be like the servant to whom his Lord gave the one talent. He went and hid it in the earth, and

Hill isn't the only one who loves and appreciates Brother Payne. We are praying for all those who want to attend Bible School another year. I am so thankful for the terms I got to attend. We hope this will be the best year for the school that has ever been. We noticed in the paper where Brother J. H. Walker had attended the Florida camp meeting so we feel now that he and Sister Walker owe us a visit.—One who loves the Lord, Cleo Wood, Box 1057, Electra, Tex.

will when the Lord of those servants came he said to that servant, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him and give it unto him which hath ten talents, for unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance, but from him that hath not shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have, so we must not hide our talents, or we will be like the unprofitable servant. Let us fear God, watch and pray and be ready.—Ollie Brinegar.

My Trip To Somerset, Ky.

L. A. Richard

I have just returned home from Somerset. And the good people there I shall never forget; One of the most beloved among them all is a man by the name of Mr. George Hall.

O he's a good man who treats people fair, When a preacher comes along he buys him a tire; Yes, George is a great man and so is that name For Mr. George Wattle will do the very same.

And now concerning offerings and Hall, you would be surprised To see him come forward and boost with a five; In many ways he's like Paul and old Brother Hotchings, Who learned by doing right they would have a clear conscience.

About the church at Somerset, there is much I could say But to try to tell it all would take me all day;

The preacher in charge has the keenest of eyes And the church loves him dearly and supports him with tithes.

Now Smith is his name, not Joseph or Jipsy, And when the power is on him he's like a man tipsy; He preaches the Bible and works so very hard To hold his flock together and to keep out discord.

And they love him, they feed him, O he has a fine band, If you go east or go west you will find no better in the land; Now of all that I have said, this one thing don't forget, If you want a good blessing just go to Somerset.

The Gospel Message Greatly Needed

HAZEN, N. Dakota. — Sometime ago when I read Brother Letsingers' Easter message, it made me think, "how wonderful it would be if such truths could be preached here at Hazen, with the power of the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven." We have preachers here but I don't think Pentecostal holiness has ever been preached here. I am sure the Church of God has not. Hazen is a busy, and very worldly place. It seems to me that there are surely some here who would receive the Word with gladness. If a band of workers would come here and run a revival right soon, no doubt many would accept the way. A meeting like Brother Paul Walker and Brother Frank Lemons and helpers ran in Beulah, N. Dak. last summer would surely do good. Please pray for this place, and especially for me and my family. I want to be an overcomer.—Mrs. Joe Ottes.

when the Lord of those servants came he said to that servant, "Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him and give it unto him which hath ten talents, for unto everyone that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance, but from him that hath not shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have, so we must not hide our talents, or we will be like the unprofitable servant. Let us fear God, watch and pray and be ready.—Ollie Brinegar.

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Good Old Time Salvation

LEXINGTON, N. C.—To the dear saints: I am praising God this morning for good old time salvation and for what God is to me now. I praise Him for the way He is blessing. We have a little work in Lexington. On Friday nights we have small crowds, but we just pray that God will send the people out that He may bless us real good. We have some good Pentecostal saints in Lexington. May God bless them and keep them on fire for Him. We haven't many Church of God people in here but we have some on fire and still shouting His praises. I want to thank God for being in the good meeting at Flat Rock, N. C. We surely had a good time at Mt. Airy. Brother George Collins did the preaching. Sister Rosa New is in charge of the work. May God bless her in the work and also her home and keep her where He can use her. I thank God for being in Brother Bowman's home. May God bless him and his good wife and sweet little girl. They are on fire for God and standing for the dear old Church of God.

I ask the saints to pray for me in my work I have in Lexington. I am praying God will give us a church here. I have a work at Welcome, N. C. and one at the county home near Lexington. God has blessed us with these places. We just want God to use us and keep us humble at all times. May God bless us all and keep us ready for His coming in my prayer.—Yours in His service, T. M. Gregg, Cecil St., No. 22.

NOT TIRED OF THE WAY

NAUVOO, Ala.—I want to write just a few words of praise for my blessed Savior. I have been in the grand way for nineteen years and it seems like a short time. I am not tired of this way. It is still new to me. I love the way and the Church of God above anything in this world. I am thanking my blessed Savior for a home of prayer. My husband does not have the Holy Ghost but he is seeking for it. I am looking to God to give him the desire of his heart. He says if we hunger and thirst after righteousness we shall be filled. I am sure when he gets hungry enough the Comforter will come.

We had a meeting here conducted by Brother W. G. Webb from Carbon Hill and Brother Lonzo Rite. Some were blessed and eight came into the church. We have a real good Sunday School started here. I want everyone who reads this to pray for us at this place. We have a lot of trials and hard things to go thru, but we know that God has all power. He says in His Word that He will not leave us nor forsake us, and will not allow us to be tempted above that we are able to bear. I am looking to One who has never lost a battle.

I want all who read this and know the worth of prayer to pray for me that God will heal me of smothering. I have heart trouble and almost smother to death at times. I know God has power to heal me. I have tried doctors and I know they cannot do me any good. I am looking to the Lord to heal me. Pray for me to be completely healed and that I will live true and be just what God wants me to be. Pray that I may raise my four children in the way the Lord would have them go, also for this place that God will show people around here the way they are going and that souls will get thru to God before it is too late.—Your sister in Christ, Bertha Cagle.

Pressing Onward To God

HETZEL, W. Va.—A Church of God was established at this place December 1, 1928. We have been on the go for Jesus ever since. These are good people at Hetzel. Pray that we may reach the top. Pray for me. Sister Wonia Wilson.

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OUR WAY NOT ALWAYS GOD'S WAY

RANGER, Texas.—I am praising God for salvation, bless His holy name. I am glad because this wonderful Saviour can save, sanctify, baptize with the great Holy Ghost and heal our bodies. I had been afflicted with kidney stones for the past ten years. Doctors told me if I did not go on certain diet I would not last long. About eight years ago one doctor right here in Ranger told me I would not live more than five or six months. I kept having bad spells, everyone getting worse. Two years ago in May I had the worst one I had ever had. This time I had doctors to examine me, they said the same thing. They told my mother-in-law that it would only be a short time till I would be gone, but I got over that spell, then in August I went to the camp meeting at Weatherford. Brother Lee was there and I had him to pray for me and I was almost instantly healed. I know, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that God completely healed me then. I felt the demon when it left my side, then I felt like I ought to testify thru the Evangel, but the devil would say, "No one knows how bad you have been, it would do no good to write and tell it. I never felt one symptom of the trouble I once had till about a week ago, then it would come to me that I had not written to the Evangel, as I promised the Lord I would, but I just kept putting it off, thinking there was no use to write, but I find in Isa. 55:8, 9, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth so are my ways higher than your ways." I find it is not our way every time that is best, and I am writing this that it may prove a blessing to someone, for I want to please God and measure up to His Word. I realize the Word will stand when this world is dissolved with fervent heat. I ask everyone who reads this to pray for me.—Mrs. Lola Winnegar.

Who Will Come?

RUTH, Miss.—To the Church of God Evangel: I would like to drop in a little testimony. I am not a member of the Church of God but hope to be some day. I am living in a settlement where this doctrine has never been preached. I never get to go and hear the sermons. I have heard a few in time past. I have been praying for God to supply the means and preachers to come here and turn on the light to these blind children for they are in utter darkness. I believe if someone would come and throw out the lifeline that they would rescue many perishing souls.

I am making an appeal for help. Who will come? I have found one man who lives within one half mile of me who said that he would help care for some workers for the sake of his wife as she can not go to church. I will do my best to take care of one or two if they will come. I wish Brother Rouse and some lady preachers could come as the people in here have never heard a lady preach. Of course lots of people would go to hear a woman preach who wouldn't go to hear a man.

Now listen, all who know the worth of prayer, please pray for me to be healed and for my eyes to be made strong. Help me pray for a revival here at Bristerville. Let me beg you once more, Brother Rouse and some of you lady preachers, come to our rescue.—Your sister seeking the Holy Ghost, Ella Brewer, Rt. 1.

Signs Are Following

COTTONDALE, Ala.—Just a few lines about our church at Fleet Wood. On the second Sunday in June Brother H. M. Taylor of Kennedy, Ala. came and set the church in order with nineteen members. Since that time four others have been added making twenty-three members, with many others looking this way. We are having a few days meeting just now and the saints here are surely on fire for God. It would be impossible for me to give you a history of the church here as it started in just cottage meetings. Nine received the Holy Ghost in our services and fire is still falling. The Lord is wonderfully blessing us. One received the Holy Ghost last night. The revival spirit is on and we hope to be able to report great victory here and at Kellerman, with signs following believers. Where there are no signs following I don't believe there is any salvation. Where the Holy Ghost abides someone is going to shout, someone is going to speak in tongues, someone is going to be healed. These are all signs following God's believers. Glory to God! I am preaching here and my subject is "Signs following," continued.

Deaths

ROSENBAUM

Our dear sister Lydia Rosenbaum departed this life Aug. 6, 1929, age fifty-five years, six months, and twenty-three days. She has because of her life built around her name a character so smooth and so near the ideal that there has gone with her an atmosphere that was filled with the spirit of her life. Thus, in her going, there is a vacancy in every direction from her home, especially in the church work and Sunday School. I saw her as a Christian woman, not only in name, but in act and deed. She didn't show her virtues or give her alms to be seen of men, but she was liberal and generous to those who were in need and to those who were not in need she was a friend in waiting. We have the assurance that she will be among those to whom it is said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." She was a member of the Church of God at Lenoir City, Tenn. and trusted the Lord even unto death. She said at different times, "If I get unconscious don't let them give me any medicine," but she was conscious unto the end and quietly and gently fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Just a few hours before passing away she said, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for thou art with me." In the passing of our faithful sister in Christ we humbly bow in obedience to the will of our Father.—One who loved her, Mrs. Belle Buck.

BRIEHN

On July 25, 1929 the death angel visited the home of Mr. Carl Briehn of Monroe, La. and claimed for its victim his loving wife, Mrs. Laura Day Briehn, age fifty-one years, two mo's and twenty-eight days. She was united in marriage to Mr. Carl Briehn Oct. 5, 1927.

She was sick sixteen days with paralysis but bore her sickness with meekness, humbleness and patience. She said one time while conscious that she was going over there so weep not as one who has no hope for we know we shall see her again at the resurrection where we'll shout and sing for ever and ever. She was saved and sanctified three years before the Lord baptized her with the Holy Ghost and fire. She was a very devoted Christian and loved the Church of God dearly, of which she was a member, and as a memorial gift to the church she gave her piano to be used for the glory of God after her death.

The Lord's will be done although many prayers were answered for relief of her suffering when at times it grew so intense. Her sickness and death came as a great shock to her many, many friends, Christians and sinners, for we can truly say she left a beautiful example for us to follow. May we all leave such an example when the Lord calls us to our eternal home in glory, a home not made with hands. The funeral service was conducted by Brother Fowler of Dunn, La. and her remains laid in Riverview Burial Park to await the coming of Jesus. Death claimed her body but we know he couldn't claim her soul. She leaves to mourn her death a husband, six children by a former husband, two brothers, two sisters, seven grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Mother, we loved you so dearly,

Why did you go away?

Surely the Lord in His goodness

Will call us to you some day.—Her daughter, Mrs. Harvey Leonard, Monroe, La.

BURRIS

On July 12, 1929 the death angel made his appearance in the home of Sister Burris and claimed for its victim her devoted husband, J. H. Burris. He was not a member of the Church of God but was a believer in it. He seemed to enjoy the services wonderfully and that was the last place he went before he took his bed. He was poorly for sometime then took hemorrhagic fever and was sick for thirteen days. He bore his sickness with

I was once an unbeliever but by going to a holiness meeting and seeing signs of God's great power through His saints caused me to know that holiness is right, although I did not accept it for about fifteen years. I was like many others, too proud and too high minded to let God have His way with me, but thanks be to God, I finally gave up and now I am preaching more on signs following.—Your humble brother for God and His church, J. H. Morgan, pastor at Fleet Wood and Kellerman.

I want To Be Ready When The Train Comes

LONGVIEW, Miss.—I want to thank and praise God for what He is to me. I want to praise Him for full and free salvation. I am saved, sanctified and the blessed Holy Ghost still abides. I was saved when I was eleven years old and was sanctified after I became a very old woman. A little over four years ago I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother J. J. Wedgeworth and wife came to my home and held a meeting in our neighborhood. We had a wonderful time. I never shall forget that meeting, and how the power fell. Praise God, it fell on me. This kind of preaching was new to me. I had never heard the day of Pentecost explained until then. After the preacher would leave, I would get the precious old Bible and see if they had read it right, and I found that he did not change it a bit. The dear old Bible became new to me, I saw that the Holy Ghost was right, and I began to seek for the blessing. I kept seeking until the Lord baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise the dear Lord forever! I shall never forget the good services we had. It was wonderful how the Lord did bless. I do not know just how many got the blessing during that meeting, but there were several. I have been healed several times since I received the blessing. I was taken with a severe cold. I could hardly talk for coughing. One night I went to bed but could not sleep for coughing. It seemed like I would strangle at times. I worried most all night with this cold and cough. My husband prayed for the Lord to heal me. He healed me instantly, praise the Lord! I slept the rest of that night and have been feeling fine ever since. Glory to God. I feel like travelling on! I want to be ready when the train comes in. I love everybody, and would like to see everybody get saved and be ready to go.

We have moved to a new place, and I have met many of the saints at this place and love them dearly. Our regular preaching days are every 2d Sunday, and are held at my daughter's home. We have no place in which to worship except in the homes, but we expect to build a church this year if it is the Lord's will. I ask you to pray for me, and for this place. I want to be humble and true until Jesus comes.—Beadie Watkins.

Something To Thank God For

McCAMEY, Tex.—Just a few lines to give you something more to rejoice and thank God for. Back in Abilene a few weeks ago we had the pleasure of being reunited with old-time friends and fellowworkers, Brother and Sister Blackburn of California. The meeting was truly planned of God and there was a real season of worship as we bowed before our leader, even Jesus, the lover of our souls. We hadn't seen our brother and sister for over two years, having said good-bye to them way up in Idaho in January 1927. Now the dear Lord brought us together once more for a real purpose. They were still with the Assembly of God and we had been joined to the dear old Church of God last year, so you readily see what God's purpose was in our meeting in Abilene. We told them just how the Spirit had led us to join the Church and then gave him our instruction book to read so as to explain more fully just what we stood for in the Church of God.

Now comes the good part. A day or so later he said to me, "Sister, do you know that every time I touch that book of instructions I feel the power of God in it." Truly God will witness to every honest heart that the Church of God is right. Now this brother and sister are members of the Church according to the report that Sister Asher sent in of our revival at Abilene. If God will put His mighty power in a little book so it can be felt, we ought to be greatly encouraged to ask for still greater things, for we are told to ask largely that our joy may be full.

patience. During his sickness he called his wife to his bed and was singing, "There's a great day coming." He told her that he was standing on the promises of God. All was done for him that loving hands could do but God knew best and took him.

He was a loving husband and a true father to his children. Everybody spoke well of him. He leaves to mourn his death a wife, three little girls, one stepson, two sisters, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends. His brother and sisters-in-law surely stood by him faithfully to the end. His funeral was conducted by Brother J. F. Mann in the Church of God at Cross City, Fla. and his body laid to rest in the Cross City Cemetery to await the resurrection.—A friend, Mrs. J. F. Mann, Cross City, Fla.

GOD IS ALL POWERFUL

OKEEFFE, W. Va.—"In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known unto God."

In the little town of Naugatuck, W. Va. about a year and a half ago, a little band of saints began a revival conducted by Brother Roy Marcum and Brother T. J. Meade, which brought about the results of me being a member of the great Church of God. Words can not express my gratitude to God for these good men and saints who helped me to get on this highway of holiness. When I first started this way husband didn't want me to go to service nor would he go himself, but thru prayer he now goes to church and kneels in prayer. Praise the Lord for ever more.

The Lord has been very merciful to us and healed many times in our home since we began trusting Him. I have trusted my body in His keeping since I have been saved. To the many saints who have prayed for me and over handkerchiefs in my behalf, I want to say, God has heard and answered. My sides are much better and I am on my way to good health by the sweet mercies of our dear Saviour. Praise His name! I was sick so long husband brought in some medicine for me and said, "You see your faith is not strong enough, so it's time to do something else," but without any medicine God gave the victory and I am strengthened in faith and more determined to trust God. Sometime ago my boy had a ringworm on his face. Brother Henry Marcum anointed him with oil and by the prayer of faith the ringworm is gone.

Please pray for God to send a minister this way to preach the Word in its fullness. Only this week about nine were baptized in water here and that by this their sins were washed away and that they received the Holy Ghost. My heart surely reaches out for good hearted people who are being blinded. I am a lone member here, but ministers, the Lord has promised to supply your every need. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you," the promise of an all powerful God. The Evangel is a great help to me. It enlightens me on God's Word and helps me to press forward. Pray that my husband may receive the Holy Ghost and God will help us to be just what He would have us be.—Humbly, Thelma Varney.

He Knows Our Needs

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—We must be obedient to our Lord, I am praising the Lord this evening for saving and sanctifying me. I have never written anything in this little paper before, but I have been reading some of the good testimonies the past week, altho I used to read them several years ago. I also am praising God for His mighty healing power. I believe I was taking the flu, but Sister Webb prayed for me and I began to get better, and that night she went to church and had the saints to pray for me and they anointed a handkerchief for me. I put it on in the name of Jesus and I am feeling good now. He knows what to do for us, if we will trust Him and not the doctor. My husband had two teeth pulled on the same Sunday night and he was suffering so much that he just could not stand it. Sister Webb was here and she also prayed for him that night while she was at church, and he got better. He did not think that he would sleep any that night, but he slept just fine, and he was able to go to work the next morning. Though he is a sinner, yet he knows what the Lord did for him. The Lord is so merciful. I want all who know the worth of prayer, to pray for my dear husband. He said that he was going to do better. O I think if ever there was a time anyone wanted to do right, now is the time, because I know we are living in the last days, and I do not believe it will be long till the Lord will come to claim His own. I surely do want to be one of them that He claims. I am going to do more for Him this year than I did last year. I want to get closer to the Lord every day. My neighbor is sick who lives next door to me, and has been bedfast for about three months. I have prayed for her, and I want to do what is pleasing to the Lord every day. My neighbor is saved and the Lord blesses her, but she just can't quit the doctor, and I do not believe the Lord will heal her until she goes to trusting in Him. Please pray for her to lay her medicine aside and trust the Lord to heal her. My father and mother are in this good old time way, and when they

At present we are helping Brother Drake here in a real battle and we earnestly desire your prayers for us and for the souls of the people in this place.—Yours in His service, Brother and Sister E. E. Watts.

He Speaks Peace To Our Souls

SOMERSET, Penna.—I want to praise God because of His goodness and mercy to me and my family. I do not see how I have lived the past 29 years without God in my life, but I praise the precious name of Jesus that I have found Him at last, and have found Him so precious to my soul. It is almost two years since I have been saved, sanctified and baptized with the precious Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance. Jesus has said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." St. John 14:27. O if I could only express in words the peace and love He gives when we come to Him in the right way. He takes away our troubles and speaks peace to our souls. He puts a desire down deep in our hearts to walk in the light as it shines on our pathway so that we will not turn back but press on toward that great goal. He has said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16. My desire is to press on against sin and the devil and to measure up to the eternal truth. I do not want to fall by the wayside because I have not measured up to the Word. 2 Tim. 2:15 says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." We cannot sit down and fold our hands and be satisfied, but must press on to perfection. Pray for us.—Lester R. Brant.

were up one Sunday we went over to pray with this sick sister and my aunt made some slight remarks about us, and said, "I guess she will get up and walk now." (?) Praise the Lord, He is ever with us. We know the Lord was persecuted, and we too will be persecuted. I am going to do what the Lord wants me to do, regardless of what people say. The people that mock us now, their mocking will turn into tears, they will have to face the Savior some day, prepared or unprepared. I want to go straight ahead and never look back, for there is nothing to look back to in this old world. I wouldn't give my hope that I have in the Lord for everything in this old world. The Lord could do without us, but we cannot do without Him. We have a hard battle to fight, but we will win the victory. Praise His dear name! I feel homesick for heaven sometimes, I get that heaven is near. I disobeyed the Lord one time; one night after I had retired, the Lord spoke to me and told me to get up and pray. I truly believe that if I had obeyed the Lord I could have received the Holy Ghost, and possibly my husband would have been saved. Dear friends, if the Lord ever puts anything on you to do, do it, and the Lord will surely bless you. I think Sister Webb and I are the only Church of God people here, and I want you all to pray that God will send a good minister here to hold a revival. I surely would like to be in a good revival. I have three dear little ones and I want you to pray that I will rear them in the way that is pleasing to the Lord. I have a brother and a sister that are in sin. I want you to pray for them that they will be saved, and that I may receive the Holy Ghost. Your sister in Christ.—Mrs. A. J. Worley.

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